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Behind the Crises

EMBASSY ROW — There was no mention of it in the Soviet press, not even as a rumor, but war panic touched off by the West and East and the Russian fighting trapped seven weeks ago in the USSR during the last few days. Diplomatic word there were heavy rumors of a crisis.

UNITED NATIONS — The U.S. is presenting behind the scenes for a U.N. relief force in the Middle East of 18,000 men, instead of the 10,000 originally proposed. The U.S. theory: Anything less would be unable to do the job.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF STAFF — Men do not like the reverberations following Pearl Harbor. Arthur Radford is taking extreme steps to make sure he can be reached at any hour in case of an emergency. Even if he takes a drive in the country, elaborate arrangements are made so he can be intercepted and rushed back to the Pentagon if necessary.

Diplomatic Briefcase

NEW YORK CITY — Clare Boothe Luce, former U.S. Ambassador to Rome, has let the White House know she would like to become Ambassador to London's Court of St. James's and is off after a two-month rest in the summer. Her office is up to it (see page 74) and the posts are open.

AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS — Union leader Walter Reuther buried up the overseas telephone in an effort to get Indira Gandhi Minister Nehru to blast Russian repression in Hungary. But when Nehru, who was Reuther's host last spring, got back and then weasel-worded a statement, the Auto Workers' chief sounded off to all who would listen not only about the Indian leader but India's U.N. representative, V.K. Krishna Menon.

CAPITOL HILL — You can expect considerable deterioration in bipartisan foreign policy during the coming Congressional session. With the retirement of Sen. Walter George, the restraining hand on the Democrats will be gone, such powerful

foreign-policy voices as Sen. J.W. Fulbright are making it clear they will no longer just go along automatically with Administration thinking.

About People

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING — Don't be surprised if there is an attempt in the next Congress to bar Thomas J. Lane, Massachusetts Democrat, from taking his seat. Lane was re-elected to his eighth term only two months after his release from a four-month prison term for income-tax evasion. Others have served after doing time, but their convictions followed not-guilty pleas. Lane pleaded guilty.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE — Party leaders plan to feature the fresh faces of '56-such winners as Senators-elect Frank Church of Idaho and Joseph Clark of Pennsylvania—at a series of dinners to make up the \$1 million campaign deficit. They believe these new personalities will be "better box office" than the defeated Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver.

NEW YORK CITY — Carter Burgess, Assistant Defense Secretary for Manpower, is considering a high-salaried job with American Machine & Foundry, offered him by retired Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, now AMF board vice chairman.

Periscope Potpourri

PENTAGON — Hottest rumor here is that Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Randolph McC. Pate will resign in January, a year before his term expires. His boss, Navy Secretary Thomas, has been disturbed over the continual spate of bad publicity the Corps has had since the Parris Island tragedy when six recruits lost their lives on a disciplinary march (NEWSWEEK, April 23).

LABOR DEPARTMENT — You can put it down as a virtual certainty labor will be represented again in this department during Ike's next term. In reorganizing his top command, Secretary of